

# BASE BALL, BOXING AND ALL LIVE SPORTS

## HAS BECOME BIG SPORT

Trapshooting Has 500,000 Followers Throughout Country.

More People Today Have Gun Fever Than Ever Before in History of Sport—Many Clubs Formed in Pennsylvania.

No sport in the country can be justly said to have developed to a greater degree than trapshooting. It is a fact that more people today have gun fever than ever before in the history of the game. There is something about it which "mysteriously draws you in to the sport" is the explanation of an enthusiast. It is different from others in that the interested ones participate instead of just look on. Of course, there are galleries for spectators, which sometimes consist of large crowds. Those that have the real gun fever say you can't remain a member of the gallery long, there's something draws you into the game. Figures seem to indicate that this must be true, for the sport now has 500,000 backers. Five years ago it didn't have a quarter of that number. In Pennsylvania alone there are 500 trapshooting clubs and an average club consists of 50 members, so that makes 25,000 gun bugs.

**Extensiveness of Sport.**  
An idea of the extensiveness of trapshooting can be had from the following figures gathered from the recent grand American handicap held in St. Louis: In it 638 crack trapshooters made entry. It cost each one from \$8 to \$13 to enter, and the Interstate association, under whose auspices it was given, donated \$500. This made a purse of \$8,194. Cnp. Jack Wulf, the winner, received \$57.45. The second man received \$37.45, and the three men that tied for third place won \$443.00 each. Other winners received various amounts down to \$42.25. During the five days 227,250 clay birds were used, which, at an average cost of 7 cents for each bird and shell, would equal \$15,907.50 spent for the necessities. This was not all. The participants came from every state in the Union and even Canada, and this traveling expense, plus practically a week's hotel bill, would average \$100 a shooter. Besides, there were more than 12,000 spectators, as is always the case at such special occasions and all of them did not reside in St. Louis, so they also spent neat sums, thus increasing the banks' clearings. It is estimated that \$800,000 was spent in this manner.

## NEW WORLD'S SERIES PLANS

Garry Herrmann Suggests That All Players Share in Money—Reduce Prices of Admission.

Garry Herrmann, chairman of the National Baseball commission and president of the Reds, made a statement in which he said he favors a new deal in connection with the world's series, and his plans are different from any so far proposed. He said: "I first would increase the series from seven to nine games and allow the players to share in the receipts of the first five games. Next I would guarantee the players on the winning club about \$1,500 each with \$1,000 each going to the members of the losing team. That, I believe, is sufficient reward for the few games they play. "I believe that we then would have



Garry Herrmann.

enough money left in the players' pool to give each player on the second place club \$500.

"Graded down we could give each third place player \$400 each, each fourth place player \$300, fifth place player \$250, sixth place \$200, seventh place player \$150 and eighth place \$100. This schedule might be subject to revision, but I believe the various sums would approximate about these amounts.

"By distributing this annual reward we would create an incentive for all the players to try to finish as high as possible.

"All the club owners in both leagues now share in the world's series, so why shouldn't all the players? Twenty-five per cent of the money earned on the series by each club is turned over to its league and this reduces each club's assessment.

"I also believe by extending the series to nine games we could reduce the prices of admission."

## ONLY THREE OF SIX CUE WIZARDS REMAIN



HOPPE, BILLIARD CHAMPION OF WORLD.

Six names of cueists are pointed to in the billiard hall of fame, Willie Hoppe, George Sutton, George Slosson, Jake Schaeffer, Maurice Vignaux and Frank Ives. Of the six but three are living, Ives, Vignaux and Schaeffer having passed on. Slosson, an old man, is no longer in the running. Recently Hoppe put Sutton in the same class and today the world's billiard champion at all distances stands in a class by himself, without a single billiard player being able to give him a good battle. Sutton has been a great player and is the only one who ever defeated Hoppe for the 18.1 crown. Sutton is still a skillful billiardist, but Hoppe has improved so steadily that the veteran looked like a novice in their recent meet.

**Holds World's Titles.**  
Hoppe holds both the 18.1 and 18.2 world's titles. The 18.1 game is entirely too difficult for even the champion, and has been discarded. Hoppe took the 18.1 crown from Vignaux in Paris when the Frenchman was 58 and Hoppe 40 years his junior. Sutton wrested this title from Hoppe, but the latter regained it at the expense of Ora Morningstar.

From almost infancy Willie's life has been devoted to billiards. He was able to beat his father at pocket billiards before he was six years old. When he was ten he averaged 13 at

## SPORTING WORLD

This year's new 2:05 pacers number 22.

St. Louis is estimated to have 50,000 ten-pin enthusiasts.

Cornell university has a new rifle range with 12 targets.

English racetracks may try the pari-mutuel system of betting.

Jersey City, N. J., has turned Reservoir park into an athletic field.

Many professional athletes think they are amateurs when they get their pay checks.

Pennsylvania has enacted a law giving protection to the bear. The bag limit is one bear per year.

Susquehanna's recent defeat of Bucknell was its first gridiron victory over that institution in 21 years.

Jimmy Isaminger, baseball writer, has been appointed sporting editor of the Philadelphia North American.

Syracuse is to have a new racetrack costing \$75,480, which will be the scene of future Grand circuit and other races.

Dick Hoblitzel, first baseman of the champion Red Sox, is assisting in the coaching of the Colby College football eleven.

"Freddy" Welch is champion because he boxes with his head," says an expert. Never heard of him butting anybody.

University of Utah, Salt Lake City, may next season look gridiron contests with University of California, Nebraska and other big elevens.

Rumor has it at Salt Lake that Cliff Blankenship, depressed manager of the Salt Lake Bees, has purchased enough stock in the club to gain control.

14.2 ballline. Thus when he beat Vignaux it was natural to say, "I told you so."

**Compared to Ives.**  
Hoppe has often been compared to Frank Ives. Ives was a meteor in the billiard zenith that flashed into view 20 years ago, but he had nothing in common with Hoppe. Before he became a great cueist Ives had tried his hands at many things, while Hoppe has been at the green cloth game his entire life. Previous to becoming a billiardist Ives had been a jockey, bicycle rider, racetrack bookmaker, roller skater, in fact a jack-of-all-trades. Ives was a wonderful shotmaker, one of the most spectacular in the history of the game, but he never reached the proficiency of Hoppe in handling the cue.

Hoppe's billiards are the same to him as religion. Although he probably knew Sutton could not give him a hard battle in the St. Louis match, Hoppe trained faithfully for the contest, starting the middle of August. First he played alone on a set schedule of each day and in the last two weeks of his training took on "Chick" Wright, a well-known San Francisco cueist, to polish off his preparatory work. While he loves to golf, Hoppe refuses to play the game for fear it would spoil his touch with the cue, as it is more rigorous exercise.

## PILOT AITKEN AUTO EXPERT

Skillful Automobile Racing Driver Is Workingman—May Be Found in Indianapolis Factory.

It is not generally known that Johnny Aitken, the skillful automobile racing driver who by his consistent winning during the last three months,



Pilot Johnny Aitken.

has placed himself in the lead for American championship honors, is first of all, a workman.

A few days after each race he may be found back at his labors at a factory in Indianapolis, where he is employed as an automobile expert.

He gives no time to racing outside of that required to make the trips to the different speedways, drive his race and return to his duties. His ability and loyalty as a workman are emphasized by the fact that he has been with his present employers for more than 15 years.

## BIG EVENTS OF 1916

Incidents of Baseball Season That Appear Noteworthy.

Several Pitchers Performed Unusual Stunts—Alexander Establishes New Whitewash Record—Speaker Supplants Cobb.

A compiler of the dope has counted these events as among the noteworthy things of the baseball season that has just come to its close:

Four no-hit, no-run games in the big leagues—three in the American and one in the National. The pitchers who performed these feats were: Leonard of the Red Sox, against St. Louis; Foster of the Red Sox, against Washington; Bush of the Athletics, against Cleveland; and Hughes of the Braves, against Pittsburgh.

Grover Cleveland Alexander, the great pitcher of the Phillies, set up a new whitewash record by pitching 16 shutout games. The old mark was 13, held by Mathewson.

Zach Wheat of the Brooklyn Robins made one or more safe hits in 29 consecutive games. In the 29 games he pitched a total of 45 safeties.

The New York Giants won 26 consecutive games, and in doing so, shattered the long-standing major league record of 20 straight games by Providence in 1884.

In losing 20 straight games the Athletics tied the American league record for consecutive defeats. The Mackmen also hung up a new mark for defeats in one season with 117 games in the lost column, against 113 registered by Washington in 1904, the worst previous record.

The "Iron man" stunt, or pitching and winning two games in one afternoon, was performed by four big league twirlers. They were: Davenport of the Browns, pitching against the Yankees; Peritt of the Giants, against the Phillies; Alexander of the



Tris Speaker.

Phillies, against Cincinnati, and Demaree of the Phillies, pitching against the Pirates.

Outfielder Eddie Menor, playing with the Spokane Northwestern league team, took part in 114 games and handled 239 chances without an error.

Kenzie Kirkman, outfielder of the St. Joseph team of the Western league, made 32 hits in 39 times at bat. Ty Cobb in 1913, set a record of 31 hits in 39 times up.

The St. Louis Browns won 14 games in a row, the best performance in the American league this season for consecutive games won.

Every club in the American league, with the exception of the Athletics, led the race for at least one day. Cleveland, New York, Boston and Washington were up there most of the time, while the others enjoyed the privilege for shorter periods, including ties.

After leading the American league batsmen for nine years in succession Ty Cobb lost the batting championship to Tris Speaker.

## "BABES" IN SPORT GENERALLY GIANTS

When an athlete is nicknamed "Babe," he is usually a big fellow. "Babe" White, captain of this year's Syracuse eleven, and "Babe" Ruth of the Boston Red Sox, are instances. Gaur, the new A. C. high jumper and weight thrower, is called "Tiny" despite the fact that he stands six feet five inches, and five inches of height and brawn will not be forgotten for a long time by athletes against whom he clashed when on University of Chicago teams.

## PRISCILLA BEING BROKEN UP

Famous Centerboard Sloop Sold for Old Iron—Keel to Be Utilized for Bullets.

The Priscilla, built to defend the America's cup in 1885, was an iron centerboard sloop and won many exciting races conducted under the auspices of the New York Yachtclub. It is being broken up by a Philadelphia dealer in old iron and the leaden keel will be utilized in the manufacture of bullets for rapid-fire guns, rifles and revolvers. The hull of the old racer will be converted into a fishing schooner.

## BILLY EVANS SOLVES BASEBALL PROBLEMS

Written Especially for This Paper by the Famous American League Umpire.

Several years ago a very interesting play, which created considerable discussion, came up in the International league. Plays which create argument and discussion are always unnatural plays, and this one was no exception to the rule. The contending clubs were two of the leaders in the race, and, since the result of the play determined the winner of the game, the contest went to protest.

In the ninth inning, with the home team a run behind, things started to happen. With two out, the home club managed to get men on first and third. A hit would at least tie the score. The batter responded with a safe drive to left, on which the man on third jogged home. The runner on first went to third on the hit, while the batter managed to reach second on the throw-in. In going from first to third, the runner originally on first had neglected to touch second. The umpire had noted the omission, and so had the shortstop of the team in the field. The latter called for the ball and touched second, the umpire thereupon calling out the man who appeared safe at third. This out retired the side.

The umpire allowed the run to score, which tied up the game, and the home team managed to win out in extra innings. If you had been umpiring that contest, gentle reader, would you have allowed that run to score from third on the clean hit to left by the batter?

**Answer to Problem.**  
The run does not count. The failure to touch second has made a force play of the third out, pure and simple. In a way it is almost another Merkle play. Since the runner who went to third never legally touched second, the throwing of the ball to that bag by the out-fielder makes a force play out of the affair, the ball beating the runner to the bag. Rule 59 says that no run can be scored on a force out, which this play is, even though the man forced out is standing on third in apparent safety.

Not only does the failure to touch second make void the run, but it also robs the batter of a clean hit, as the scoring rules say in no case shall a base hit be scored when a base runner is forced out on the play. This play is an unusual force out, but is force out nevertheless, as the ball beats the runner to second.

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## IS BEST ALL-ROUND ATHLETE

Events in Which Avery Brundage Excels Are Shot-Putting, and Hammer and Discus Throwing.

Avery Brundage, a Chicago contractor twenty-nine years of age, recently captured for the second time the all-around athletic championship of the United States. This does not mean that Brundage is individually the swiftest runner, the highest or broadest jumper or the greatest weight-thrower in the country, but that his average proficiency in all these sports combined is beyond that of his rivals. His victory was achieved by a score of 487 points over his nearest competitor.

This remarkable athlete stands a shade over six feet in height, weighs 105 pounds, and since graduation from the engineering school of the University of Illinois he has devoted all his



Avery Brundage.

spare time to athletics. He is now in the contracting business on his own account and is in the open air most of the day. From May until October he puts in two hours every night exercising under the moon and stars. In winter the same two hours are spent in a gymnasium where he varies his routine by playing a great deal of handball. Though a speedy runner and a great walker, the events in which he excels are shot-putting and hammer and discus throwing, and these are his favorite sports.

In a life so strenuous as the champion's there is no time left over for diversion, so it is not astonishing that Brundage is still a bachelor.

Magnates of the Three-Eye league, at their recent meeting in Chicago, decided to shorten the league's schedule next season from 140 to 123 games.

Ball players must be petted, says Bill Sweeney. Who'd ever think of petting a guy named Sweeney?

## LITTLE PICKUPS OF SPORT

The eight-hour law doesn't hold good in a chess game.

Soccer is a great game to play if you are tired of living.

One thing we need not worry about just now is the baseball score.

Golf may be a summer game, but it gets a heavy play in the winter.

There's no chance for a rest. If it isn't Gibbons-Dillon, it's Welsh-Kilbane.

It is said that it will be compulsory for all umpires to speak English next season.

Whenever a ball player feels cold in winter he thinks of St. Louis in summer.

With iron crosses for soldiers there ought to be leather medals for football heroes.

Because a billiard table is supplied with cushions it must not be imagined that it is a soft game.

Since bullfighting is not permitted in this country how do managers of fighters get away with it?

After the showing it has made this year Tufts will probably have a hard time arranging games next year.

Pitchers are not supposed to be good hitters, but there are quite a few who seldom fail to hit batters.

American boxers do well in Australia, says a headline. Just as long as they keep away from Les Darcy.

After reorganization, the Ohio State league will include only Ohio cities, making it really what its name implies.

Jimmy Austin and Ward Miller, two members of Fiedler Jones' St. Louis Browns, are slated for some other berths.

Bankers say there is too much gold in the United States, but they will never be able to make Freddie Welsh believe it.

Don't blame the sultan of Turkey for writing a poem on the war. A western man has written one on the baseball umpire.

Hockey is one of the best-known insomnia cures. Sometimes the players don't wake up for a couple of hours after a scrimmage.

The University of Nebraska declined an invitation to play a post-season football game in Boston against Tufts, Brown or Dartmouth.

Ohio is no longer a very prolific mother of presidents, but kindly observe the aggressiveness of the football players it is turning out.

Coch Andy Smith of the University of California, former Penn fullback, has in Monley and Liveredge what he considers to be the most remarkable pair of guards he has ever seen.

Tris Speaker gives the best evidence in the world that golf won't injure the batting eye. His evidence is his old baseball bat, with which he took premier swatting honors in the American league.

## OUR LEADING CLUBS

Moulders of Public Opinion and Assembling Places for Citizens in This City.

Following are the locations of the leading self-sustaining clubs of Chicago:

Apollo Club, 202 S. Michigan ave. Bohemia Club—3659 Douglas boulevard.

Builders', 412-418 Chamber of Commerce building.

Calumet, Michigan ave. and 20th st. Caxton, Tenth floor, Fine Arts bldg. Chicago Athletic Association, 12 S. Michigan ave.

Chicago Architectural, Art Institute.

Chicago Automobile, 321 Plymouth court.

Chicago Club, Michigan ave. and Van Buren street.

Chicago Cycling, 1615, 37 East Van Buren street.

Chicago Motor Club, 1250 South Michigan avenue.

Chicago Yacht, foot of Monroe st. City Club, 315 Plymouth court.

Cliff Dwellers, 216 S. Michigan ave. Colonial Club of Chicago, 4448 Grand boulevard.

Columbia Yacht, foot of Randolph street.

Elks, Grand Pacific Hotel (temporary), pending completion of new club house at 174 West Washington street.

Englewood, 6323 Harvard avenue. Edgewater Country, 5658 Winthrop avenue.

Farragut Yacht Club, foot of 32d st. Germania Maennerchor, 106 Germania place.

Hamilton, 20 S. Dearborn st. Illinois Athletic, 112 S. Michigan avenue.

Irish Fellowship Club, La Salle Hotel.

Iroquois, 21 N. La Salle st. Illinois, 113 S. Ashland boulevard.

Jefferson, Dearborn ave. and Maple street.

Kenwood, Lake ave. and 47th st. Kenwood Country, Drexel boulevard and 48th street.

Mid-Day, First National Bank bldg, 17th floor.

Oaks, Lake st. and Waller ave. Press Club of Chicago, City Hall Square Building.

Quadrangle, Lexington avenue and 58th street.

Rotary, 38 South Dearborn st. Saddle and Cycle, Sheridan Road and Foster avenue.

South Shore Country, lake shore and 67th street.

Southern, 26 N. Dearborn street. Speedway Park Club, 140 S. Dearborn street.

Standard, Michigan ave. and 24th street.

Swedish Club of Chicago, 1286 La Salle avenue.

Twentieth Century, 2246 Michigan avenue.

Union League, Jackson boulevard and Federal street.

University, Michigan avenue and Monroe street.

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